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SUBJECT: NEA AND IEA STAFFING

REFS: (A) KATZ/KRAMISH/SWARTZ TELCONS - JANUARY 9, 1976

(B) VANDERRYN/KRAMISH TELCON - JANUARY 12, 1976

1. SAELAND RETIREMENT PENDING RESOLUTION OF CURRENT STAFF PENSION NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN THE OECD. HE HOPES TO RETIRE AFTER THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN RESOLVED AND BELEIVES THAT PRIOR RETIREMENT MAY PROVE TO BE DIS-ADVANTAGEOUS. DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL WOOTTON BELIEVES HOWEVER THAT IF RETIRMENT ISSUE IS NOT RESOLVED BEFORE US ENTRY INTO NEA SAELAND COULD BE PERSUADED TO RETIRE IF HIS RETIREMENT WERE ESSENTIAL TO A NEW STAFFING PATTERN.

2. WOOTTON BELIEVES THAT WILLIAMS HAS A GREAT DEAL OF SUPPORT AMONG DELEGATIONS FOR THE TOP POSITION AFTER SAELAND RETIRES. HE EXPRESSED THE STRONG FEELING IN OECD TOP MANAGEMENT THAT WILLIAMS HAS WORKED HARD AND EFFECTIVELY AS DE FACTO NEA HEAD FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND DESERVES THE TOP POSITION. CONSEQUENTLY, WILLIAMS WILL NO DOUBT BE MOVED UP UNLESS A VERY STRONG ALTERNATIVE CANDIDATE IS PUT FORWARD. FOR THE DEPUTY SLOT IT IS INTENDED TO PRESERVE THE POSITION AT THE A7 LEVEL, THE

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SAME AS THE LEVEL OF THE DIRECTOR, WITH OR WITHOUT WILLIAMS AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR.

3. FROM REF (B) MISSION UNDERSTANDS US WILL AIM FOR TOP IEA R&D SLOT AND WILL BE SUBMITTING NAMES OF CANADIAN CANDIDATES IN NEAR FUTURE. WOOTTON BELIEVES THAT IT IS UNREALISTIC FOR THE US TO ASPIRE TO THE TOP POSITION IN THE NEA AND THE TOP R&D POSITION IN IEA. LANTZKE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A TOP ENERGY R&D MAN LEADING THE IEA R&D EFFORT AND IS CURRENTLY MAKING ENQUIRES IN THE US PRIVATE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR FOR NOMINEES. LANTZKE STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT THIS MAN SHOULD NOT COME FROM GOVERNMENT.

4. IN SUM, WOOTTON THINKS WILLIAMS' DESIGNATION AS HEAD NEA IS PROBABLY AND DESIRABLE, THAT US SHOULD LOOK FOR TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED CANDIDATE FOR DEPUTY SLOT AND FACILITATE LANTZKE'S SEARCH FOR THE RIGHT ENERGY R&D MAN FOR IEA FROM THE US PRIVATE SECTOR, IF US AGENCIES WISH TO BLOCK WILLIAMS' DESIGNATION, WHICH AT BEST WOULD BE AWKWARD, GIVEN FACT WE WILL BE NEW MEMBER IN RATHER OLD CLUB, WE WILL NEED TO PUT FORWARD PROMINENT ALTERNATIVE CANDIDATE QUICKLY. AT SAME TIME WE PROBABLY WILL HAVE TO GIVE UP CHANCE OF TOP IEA R&D JOB (TO LANTZKE'S CHAGRIN). EVEN SO, OECD TOP MANAGEMENT, BACKED BY AT LEAST SOME OTHER DELEGATIONS, MAY RESIST EFFORT ON OUR PART TO PREEMPT WILLIAMS DESIGNATION AS HEAD OF NEA.

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